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Coal Mines in Rajmahal Hills

2534. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the coal mines on large scale in the ranges of Rajmahal Hills in East Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise production of coal from these coal mines for the last three years, the details of the sale and the year-wise profit earned by the Government;

(d) whether heavy loss is being incurred due to large scale smuggling and illegal extraction of coal;

(e) if so, the time by which the Government propose to nationalise the coal mines of these regions; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). In the Rajmahal Hills in East Bihar, Rajmahal O.C. mines with rated out put of 10.5 million tonnes per annum is under implementation, and the old Lalmatia underground mine has been amalgamated with Rajmahal open-cast Project. Besides, Hurrah 'C' mine has been planned to be developed in near future.

(c) The coal company has furnished the following details of coal production, sales realisation and profit/loss from Rajmahal mines:-

	1988-89	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Coal Production (Lakhs tonnes)	26.87	11.87	25 01
Sale Proceeds (Rs. Crores)	23.95	36.88	34.19
Profit/Loss (+) (-) (Rs Crores)	(-) 9.49	(-) 26.38	(-) 31.80

(d) to (f). The Government has no report of any heavy loss arising out of smuggling of coal and its illegal extraction. Isolated incidences of illegal mining and pilferage of coal, as and when come to their notice, are dealt with by the coal company, with the help of local law and order authorities. All mines as well as projects under implementation are being operated by the Eastern Coalfields Limited (a Subsidiary of Coal India Ltd.) as such the question of nationalisation does not arise.

[*English*]

Bharat Heavy Plate and Vessels Ltd.

2535. SHRI V.V.S. MURTHYS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the steps being contemplated in the Eighth Five Year Plan for the development of the Company during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The outlay will be utilised for the manufacture of equipment for power plants, gas/coal based sponge iron plants and other process plants etc.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh under Housing Projects

2536. SHRI M V. V. S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: